

**Meeting of the SAB Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services (CVPESS)**  
**Draft Agenda -- October 25-26, 2005**  
**Woodies Building, 1025 F Street, N.W., SAB Large Conference Room, Room 3705**  
**Washington, DC 20004**

**Purposes:** 1. to reach agreement on “Document Zero,” the initial committee report calling for an expanded and integrated approach for valuing the protection of ecological systems and services; 2. to reach agreement on how to revise Chapters 3 and 4 of the draft Methods Report; 3. to refine plans for the SAB Workshop, Science for Characterizing Ecological Benefits for EPA's Environmental Decisions and Programs, scheduled for December 13-14, 2005; and 4. to discuss what additional report(s), including an “Applications Report,” the committee will prepare.

All of these activities are related to the Committee's overall charge: to assess Agency needs and the state of the art and science of valuing protection of ecological systems and services, and then to identify key areas for improving knowledge, methodologies, practice, and research.

**October 25, 2005**

9:00 - 9:10	Welcome	Dr. Angela Nugent, EPA, SABSO Dr. Vanessa Vu, EPA, SABSO
9:10 - 9:15	Introduction of members Review of agenda and approach to committee deliberations	Dr. Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr., Acting Chair  Dr. Kathleen Segerson, Acting Vice Chair
9:15-9:45	Introduction to draft document, <i>Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services: An Expanded and Integrated Approach</i> and summary of substantive issues received from C-VPES Members	Dr. Kathleen Segerson
9:45-10:45	Discussion of key terms	Dr. Kathleen Segerson Committee discussion
10:45 - 11:00	Break	
11:00 - 12:00	Discussion of current ability of ecological science to characterize and quantify the effects of EPA protective actions	Dr. Gregory Biddinger (reporting out for working group) Committee discussion

12:00 - 12:15	Summary of next steps related to draft document	Dr. Kathleen Segerson
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch	
1:15-1:30	Introduction to <i>Methods Report</i> and approach for deliberations and revisions	Dr. Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr.
1:30-3:15	Discussion of Chapter 4 of draft <i>Methods Report</i>	Committee discussion
3:15 - 3:30	Break	
3:30-5:15	Continued discussion of Chapter 4	Committee discussion
5:15-5:30	Summary and discussion of agenda for October 26	Dr. Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr.
5:30	Adjourn	

**October 26, 2005**

8:30-8:35	Opening of Meeting	Dr. Angela Nugent, EPA, SABSO
8:35-9:40	Discussion of Proposal for Chapter 3 and Ecological Modeling and Monitoring section of Chapter 4	Dr. Gregory Biddinger (reporting out for working group) Committee discussion
9:40-10:00	Break	
10:00-11:45	Continued discussion of Chapter 3 and 4 Issues	
11:45-12:00	Summary of next steps related to the Methods Report	Dr. Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr.
12:00-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-2:30	Plans for SAB Workshop planned for December 13-14 2005, <i>Science for Characterizing Ecological Benefits for EPA's Environmental Decisions and Programs</i>	Dr. Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr. Committee discussion
2:30-3:00	Discussion of proposed Applications Report and next steps	Dr. Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr. Committee discussion
3:00	Adjourn	